

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-4 and 6-9 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Tanaka. Claims 5 and 10 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Pinter.

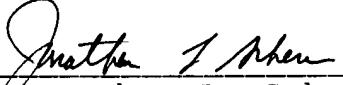
Applicant would like to thank Examiner Anya for the consideration given applicant's attorney at the interview of April 14, 2005. At the interview, agreement was reached to the claim being narrowed to the interlayer metallization abutting the underlying electrode to avoid the rejections over the prior art of record. An updated search will be performed in an attempt to uncover more relevant prior art.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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